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REMARKS

Upon entry of the instant amendment, claims 1-15 are pending. Claim 1 has been amended, and claim 15 has been added, to more particularly point out Applicants' invention.

Claims 1-6, 9-10, and 12-14 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Carcarano et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,308,205 ("Carcarano"). In order for there to be anticipation, each and every element of the claimed invention must be present in a single, prior reference. Applicants respectfully submit that the claimed invention is not taught, suggested, or implied by Carcarano.

In particular, an aspect of the present invention relates to a configuration system in which configuration information may be received from some units and propagated to others. That is, certain embodiments of the present invention provide for automatically collecting configuration data, including data about a given device that other devices may need to know about, and distributing that data to those other devices.

Thus, claim 1 has been amended to recite

wherein said server is further configured to automatically determine which others of said configurable components are interested in configuration information associated with said configurable components and automatically propagate said configuration information to said others of said configurable components;

and claim 10 recites:

automatically determining which others of said plurality of telephony devices are interested in said configuration information of said plurality of telephony devices;

automatically propagating said configuration information to said others of said plurality of telephony devices at predetermined intervals

In contrast, Carcarano appears to merely relate to updating the configuration information for devices on an individual or device-by-device basis. At most, Carcarano relates to individually collecting data from devices and individually providing updates to

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the devices.

That is, to update a device, the user sends a request to update a particular "targeted" device and the updated configuration data. The update database is then updated accordingly and the configuration of the targeted device is then updated. See, generally, col. 13, lines 5-15. Carcarano does not, however, appear to relate to automatically determining the configuration information; which components are interested in it; and then automatically propagating it, as generally recited in the claims at issue.

Contrary to the suggestion in the Official Action, Carcarano does not teach, suggest, or imply, for example, automatically determining whether other devices need configuration data from a queried device and propagating it to them. Column 11, lines 15-35, cited in the Official Action, is not to the contrary. Instead, at Col. 11, lines 15-35, Carcarano merely describes collecting individual device data, and not for example, determining whether it is data other devices might be interested in. Further, Carcarano does not teach automatically propagating such data. As such, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection.

Claims 7-8, and 11 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Carcarano. Applicants respectfully submit that the claimed invention is not taught, suggested, or implied by Carcarano. As noted above, Carcarano does not teach, suggest, or imply the invention of the base claims.. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that Carcarano likewise does not teach, suggest, or imply the invention of these dependent claims. As such, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection.

For reasons similar to those discussed above, Applicants likewise believe newly added claim 15 is allowable.

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For all of the above reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance, which allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully requested,

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